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1. MORNING MEETING OF ECOSOC COMMITTEE II MORNING OF 4/25 BEGAN WITH TURKISH OBSERVER'S REMARKS. TURKISH SPEECH FOCUSED ON MIGRANT WORKERS AND LAMENTED THAT RESOLUTION 19 (HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS) WILL LIKELY HINDER PROGRESS TOWARD A SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN CYPRUS. CUBAN DELEGATE SPOKE ABOUT MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA HUMAN RIGHTS THEMES AND HARPED ON CRIMES OF RACIST REGIMES. CUBAN NOTED THEIR DELEGATION DID NOT COSPONSOR HRC RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE BECAUSE OF THE 7TH PREAMBULAR PARA ACCEPTING OAS REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. CUBANS ADVOCATE HUMAN RIGHTS TRUST FUND FOR CHILE. THRUST OF UK PRESENTATION WAS THAT NO STATE CAN CLOSE ITS FRONTIERS TO HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRY OR IGNORE WORLD CRITICISM. THE BRITISH AMB SAW IMPROVEMENT IN THE DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING REFLECTED IN THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HE AGREED WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION ON CHILE. UKRAINIAN
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SSR DELEGATE NOTED HRC IS ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE CRITICIZED A NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES FOR NOT ACTING AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA MERELY TO ENABLE THEIR CORPORATIONS TO MAKE FANTASTIC PROFITS. HE ALSO ACCUSED TRANSNATIONALS AND SOME STATES OF ENGAGING IN NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE SLATED ISRAELIS FOR SAVAGE, BARBAROUS

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DAILY REPRESSION OF ARABS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND BITTERLY ATTACKED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE. AFTER WORRYING ABOUT THE NEW WAVE OF FASCISM THAT THE HRC SHOULD FOCUS ON HE CRITICIZED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB AS A VIOLATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT TO LIVE. UAE REPRESENTATIVE CRITICIZED ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA, URGING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE NOTED NEW CLIMATE OF "ABSOLUTE NORMALCY" IN CHILE.

2. AFTERNOON'S DEBATE PASSED QUIETLY. ISRAEL CRITICIZED DENIAL OF RIGHTS TO JEWS LIVING IN SYRIA AND USSR, AND ACCUSED IRAQ OF ASSASSINATION AND TORTURE AS DOCUMENTED IN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORTS AND ELSEWHERE.

3. RIGHTS OF REPLY AT CLOSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE WERE REPORTED SEPTEL.

4. WE HAVE DATAFAXED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS E/1978/C.2/L.3 THROUGH L.7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT COMMENTS ASAP. YOUNG

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